

In today's increasingly interconnected world, it is critical that the United States produces highly trained cyber security professionals equipped to maintain America's security and defense.

It is also critical that the initiatives utilized to provide for their education encapsulate the needs of our diverse and varied Nation.

H.R. 7777 will put in place the framework needed to train the next generation of leaders in industrial control systems cybersecurity.

That is why I rise in strong support of "Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Act."

CONDEMNING THE OCTOBER 25, 2021, MILITARY COUP IN SUDAN AND STANDING WITH THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN

SPEECH OF

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OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 59, a resolution "Condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan."

H. Con. Res. 59 is a bipartisan resolution condemning the military coup carried out on October 25, 2021 and calls for Prime Minister Hamdok and other constitutional leaders from his cabinet to be released from unlawful custody.

This resolution urges the Sudanese government to resume measures to transition power to a civilian led government that respects democratic principles and end all violence against its citizens.

Following the ousting of President Al-Bashir on April 11, 2019 the Transitional Military Council (TMC) seized power halting the proposed transition to a representative democracy,

On June 3, 2019 about 127 peaceful protesters were killed at the hands of the Rapid

Support Forces, an extension of the Sudanese government that continues to perpetuate violence in the region to this day.

With support from the U.S. and members of the international community, Sudan was showing promise in its democratic transition through actions such as ratifying their intention to turn in former President Al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court, as well as civilian and military leaders agreeing to a transitional framework to implement a civilian-led government.

Unfortunately, Lt. General Burhan and his allies seized power following a coup of the transitional government in October 2021, subsequently imprisoning Minister Hamdok and other officials.

Protests followed the coup as the Sudanese people called for a transition from a military ruling council to true democratic governance.

BBC News reports over 100 people have been killed by Sudanese security forces since October 2021, with tensions between the military and civilians worsening as the region faces increased food shortages and inflation.

Houston is home to thousands of African immigrants including many Sudanese Americans to whom I answer to as their representative. It is critical for Congress to stand with the women and men advocating and speaking up for the Sudanese people.

I applaud the efforts and sacrifices that pro-democracy activists have made. They must be assured that the United States fully supports their desire for freedom and peace, and strongly condemns the violent and oppressive tactics of Sudan's military junta.

When enacted, controlled H. Con. Res. 59 will lay out areas where the Sudan's military-controlled government must improve if it wants to continue engaging with the United States, including political reform and a respect for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res 59 to confront these atrocities we have seen in Sudan and uplift the democratic values we work to protect.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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11 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

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